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SUBJECT: STATEMENT REGARDING SHAH ATTRIBUTED TO SEC. SIMON

FOR MIKLOS FROM SOBER

CAIRO FOR SECRETARY SIMON

1. WE UNDERSTAND THE TRADE PUBLICATION "AMERICAN BANKER" WILL APPEAR JULY 15 WITH REPORT ATTRIBUTING TO TREASURY SECRETARY SIMON STATEMENT THAT QUOTE THE SHAH IS A NUT UNQUOTE,

2. IF THIS REPORT BECOMES SUBJECT OF DISCUSSION IN IRAN, YOU MAY AT YOUR DISCRETION PROVIDE FOLLOWING BACKGROUND: REPORT ORIGINATED FROM RECENT SIMON BACKGROUNDER REGARDING PURPOSES OF HIS CURRENT M-EAST TRIP, DURING WHICH HE STRESSED OUR POSITIVE INTEREST IN COLLABORATING WITH
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THE COUNTRIES IN THE REGION ON MATTERS SUCH AS FINANCIAL STRENGTH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. IN RESPONDING TO

QUESTIONS ABOUT OIL AND SPECIFICALLY OIL PRICES AND IRAN'S POSITION THEREON, SIMON USED COMMON COLLOQUIALISM INTENDED SOLELY AND MERELY TO INDICATE HIS BELIEF THAT THE SHAH HAS VERY FIRM IDEAS ON SUBJECT OF OIL POLICY AND SPECIFICALLY ON OIL PRICES. THUS THE EXPECTED QUOTATION IN

"AMERICAN BANKER" IS OUT OF CONTEXT AND ENTIRELY MIS-LEADING.

3. IN CONVEYING ABOVE BACKGROUND TO GOI AS YOU DEEM APPROPRIATE, YOU SHOULD ADD THAT SECRETARY SIMON HAS TODAY PERSONALLY REAFFIRMED HIS EXTREMELY HIGH REGARD AND RESPECT FOR THE SHAH PERSONALLY AND FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAN.

4. FYI: ABOVE BASED ON SIMON/SOBER TELECON JULY 14. KISSINGER

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